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July 3, 2019

Thank you for subscribing to my e-newsletter. Below you will find updates from federal, state and local agencies. Should you have any questions about the information below, please do not hesitate to contact us using the contact details listed at the end of this newsletter.

Happy Fourth of July! Hopefully you are celebrating America's Independence with among family and friends. Our family will once again be taking part in the Kingwood Civic Club Parade and the Kingwood Town Center Firework display. There are several other fun events around the Lake Houston area, from fishing to parades to concerts and, of course, more fireworks. Take a look below at the list of events we have gathered for you.

Please note: in observation of Independence Day, both my Capitol & District Offices will be closed Thursday, July 4th, and Friday, July 5th. We will return to the offices on Monday, July 8th.

Should you have questions regarding anything in this newsletter, please feel free to contact us directly using the information provided at the bottom of this email.

Sincerely,



CAPITOL & DISTRICT OFFICES CLOSED: July 4-5, 2019

Both the Capitol and District Offices of State Representative Dan Huberty will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2019, and Friday, July 5, 2019, in observation of Independence Day. We will address any messages received during that time upon our return on Monday, July 8, 2019.

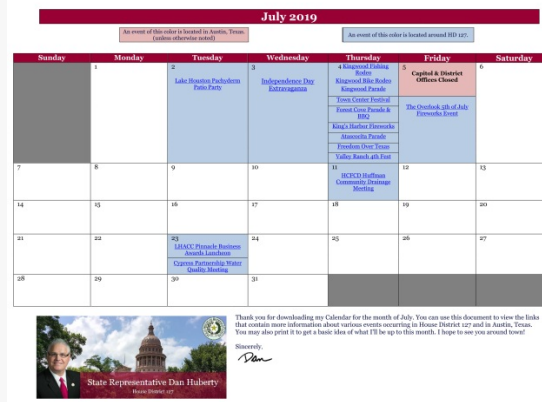
July 2019 Calendar

Download my July 2019 calendar by clicking the link below. This month is full of events in and around Texas that could be fun or useful to you and your family! This new format allows you to save the document for printing

or sending to your family members.

Keep watch for these updated calendars at the beginning of each month. Important local and legislative dates and events will be posted here.

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THE CALENDAR!**



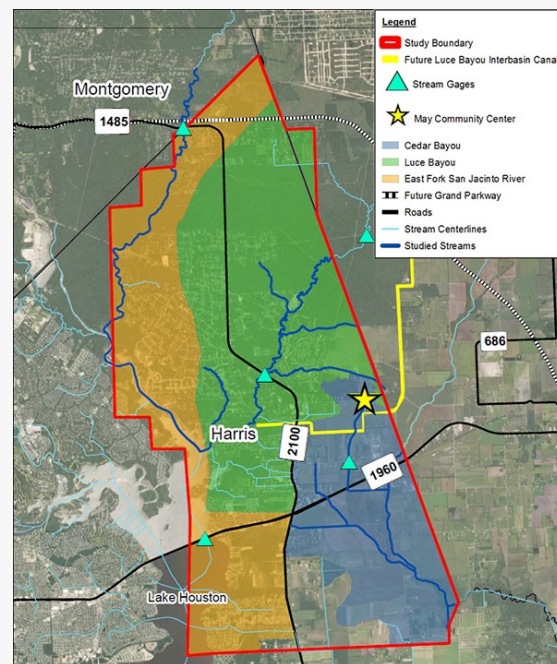
Updates from Harris County

HCFCF: Huffman Drainage Community Meeting

The Harris County Flood Control District will hold a Community Engagement Meeting for the Huffman Area Drainage Improvements project. This is the second of two community engagement meetings intended to present study results to reduce flooding risks in the Huffman area and collect public input regarding this high-level drainage study for the Huffman area.

The Huffman drainage analysis area roughly coincides with the Huffman Independent School District boundary. This area drains to the San Jacinto River, Luce Bayou and Cedar Bayou watersheds. The study includes an engineering investigation into the sources of flooding and is recommending preliminary options to reduce flooding.

This study is funded with bonds approved by Harris County voters on August 25, 2018. Community Engagement is an important component of the Bond Program, and we invite your participation as the program is implemented.



**The Community Engagement Meeting will be held on:
Thursday, July 11, 2019, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
May Community Center
2100 Wolf Road
Huffman, Texas 77336**

The Public Meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with a brief presentation at 6:15 p.m. Interested citizens are also invited to view the presentation online through a live feed hosted at www.facebook.com/hcfcf. An open house will follow the presentation, where interested citizens are invited to review informational exhibits, discuss the Huffman Area Drainage Improvements project with Harris County representatives, and provide comments to the Harris County Flood Control District.

For questions, please contact the Flood Control District at 713-684-4000, or fill out the comment form online <http://www.hcfcf.org/F110>.

Updates from Austin

THE TEXAS HOUSE & SENATE PRESENT: **CONSERVATIVE VICTORIES** OF THE 86TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

STRENGTHENING YOUR RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

- Protected law-abiding gun owners from being penalized for accidentally carrying in an establishment where guns are prohibited
- Restored the rights of tenants to own and keep firearms and prohibited "no firearms" clauses in leases
- Allowed permitless carry for those evacuating from and returning to a disaster area
- Made it easier for retired peace officers to obtain an LTC
- Closed loopholes in state law used to restrict licensed gun owners from carrying in public buildings
- Eased firearm and ammo storage requirements for foster parents
- Cracked down on inconsistent, patchwork firearms ordinances at the local level
- Restored the rights of places of worship to decide whether licensed carry is permitted on their premises
- Prohibited HOAs from restricting firearms
- Protected business owners from added liability if they choose not to post signs that forbid handguns on the premises



DEFENDING OUR CULTURE OF LIFE

- Dedicated over \$60 million for crisis pregnancy centers and alternatives to abortion
- Required physicians to treat babies who survive botched abortions with the highest degree of medical care in an attempt to save the life of the baby
- Prohibited government from conducting any transaction of goods or services with abortion providers
- Prohibited all abortion providers from receiving taxpayer money
- Required physicians to make every effort to transfer patients on life support to a physician who is willing to provide life extending care
- Required physicians to hand-deliver informational materials to women seeking an abortion if the initial consultation was conducted via phone



PROTECTING TAXPAYERS



- Provided \$5 billion in property tax relief
- Gave Texas voters the opportunity to authorize a constitutional amendment prohibiting a state income tax
 - Improved property tax notice requirements so taxpayers know in real time who is proposing to raise rates, by how much, and when and where they can go to make their voices heard
- Strengthened public hearing requirements in the property tax system and Chapter 312 economic development program, along with oversight of local bond projects
 - Empowered voters to authorize property tax increases above 3.5% for most taxing units
 - Exempted active duty military from facing penalties for late property tax payments

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OF THE 86TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION



FORTIFYING CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

- Prohibited governmental entities from using your tax dollars to deny contracts, loans, licenses or employment opportunities to a person or business over their religious beliefs
- Protected free speech on college campuses and prevented conservative students from being silenced for exercising their First Amendment rights

LIMITING GOVERNMENT

- Passed a fiscally responsible budget that keeps state spending under constitutional spending limits
- Banned the use of red light cameras
- Defended private property rights by ending forced annexation statewide
- Ended "rolling polling", a practice typically used by school districts to sway elections in their favor by strategically moving voting machines around in order to target favorable voters
- Ensured Texas children have the freedom to sell lemonade without big government requiring a permit
- Allowed consumers to buy a case of "beer to go" at breweries



KEEPING TEXAS COMMUNITIES SAFE

- Dedicated roughly \$800 million to border security efforts
- Created a student loan repayment assistance program for peace officers to encourage more Texans to pursue a career in law enforcement
- Invested in human and child sex trafficking prevention, investigation units and anti-gang squads
- Cracked down on illicit trafficking businesses and enhanced investigations and prosecutions
- Increased penalties for buyers of online sex trafficking

PREPARING OUR STATE FOR FUTURE DISASTERS

- Created a property tax exemption for those affected by a declared disaster
- Eased regulatory burdens that slowed response time and debris removal
- Improved infrastructure and regional planning efforts to better mitigate, control, and recover from floods
- Enhanced emergency management training for state and local personnel
- Enhanced public communications channels, data sharing tools and technology to improve disaster management operations



TEA: New "*HB3 In 30*" Web Video



Legislative Update:

HB 766 - Relating to exemptions for disabled peace officers and fire fighters from payment of tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education.

In this weekly section, you will find bills authored by Rep. Huberty that successfully passed both chambers and were sent to Governor Abbott for his approval. Governor Abbott has signed all of the 11 House Bills and both of the Senate Bills Rep. Huberty passed. The last bill highlighted here was [HB 76](#), a life-saving measure for UIL student athletes in Texas. This week, you will learn more about [HB 766](#), a tuition exemption for permanently disabled peace officers and firefighters to learn new skills or trades.

Previously, institutions of higher education had the option to exempt tuition and fees for permanently disabled peace officers who are unable to return to law enforcement work as a result of an on duty injury. It had been pointed out in the past that this exemption was not evenly offered to permanently disabled firefighters who are injured on the job. Rep. Huberty authored this bill in an attempt to correct this inequity for multiple sessions and was finally successful in sending HB 766 to Governor Abbott this year. The bill was signed into law on June 14, 2019, and went into effect immediately.

Now, a peace officer or firefighter permanently disabled while on duty will receive tuition and fee exemptions from higher education institutions if seeking skills applicable to a new trade. The number of disabled peace officers or firefighters enrolled in any specific class must not equate to more than 20 percent of the total enrollment of that course. The governing body of the institution is now required to exempt these students from payment of tuition and fees. The exemption was optional in the past, but it is vital that these first responders be provided the opportunity to seek new skills.

To see a list of Rep. Huberty's legislation from the 86th Session, [click here](#).

DPS: Traffic Enforcement Ramps Up for Holiday

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will conduct two traffic operations simultaneously this week to help keep drivers safe over the Fourth of July holiday. Starting Wednesday, July 3, through Friday, July 5, DPS Troopers will increase traffic enforcement as part of *Operation CARE* (Crash Awareness and Reduction Effort) and *Operation Holiday*. DPS Troopers will be looking for those violating the *Move Over, Slow Down* law, as well as other traffic violations such as DWI, speeding and failure to wear a seat belt, during these enforcement operations.

“As we celebrate our nation’s independence, it’s important to remember to do so safely and

responsibly,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “We want to remind every one to follow posted speed limits, wear your seat belt and designate a sober ride home. Remember, if you see an emergency vehicle or tow truck on the side of the road, slow down or move over. By celebrating responsibly, you can help ensure we all make it home safely.”

Operation Holiday runs in conjunction with the Fourth of July and is geared towards individuals who violate traffic laws. During last year’s holiday enforcement campaign, DPS Troopers issued more than 57,000 citations and warnings, including 1,023 seat belt and child safety restraint citations. DPS enforcement efforts also resulted in 256 DWI arrests, 212 fugitive arrests and 204 felony arrests.

Operation CARE focuses on violations of the state’s *Move Over, Slow Down* law, with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) assisting DPS Troopers in a non-enforcement capacity. From Jan. 1 through June 25 of this year, DPS conducted 13,988 enforcement actions for *Move Over, Slow Down* violations.

The law, originally passed in 2003, requires drivers to move over or slow down when certain vehicles — including police, fire, EMS, TxDOT vehicles and tow trucks — are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated.

Drivers are urged to follow these safety tips during the Fourth of July holiday:

- Do not drink and drive. Make alternate travel plans if you are consuming alcohol.
- If you can *Steer It, Clear It*: If you are involved in a non-injury crash and your vehicle can be moved, clear the traffic lanes to minimize the impact on traffic. Leaving vehicles in a traffic lane not only increases traffic congestion, but it also leaves those involved with an increased risk of harm and chance for a secondary collision. On some highways, it is actually a violation of the law to not move your vehicle over when it is safe to do so.
- *Move Over or Slow Down* for police, fire, EMS, TxDOT vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. Also, show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along the road.
- Slow down — especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.
- Eliminate distractions while driving, including the use of mobile devices. Texas law prohibits using a portable wireless device to read, write or send an electronic message unless the vehicle is stopped.
- Buckle up every one in the vehicle — it’s the law.
- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- Don’t drive fatigued — allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- If you see a road hazard or if you observe anything suspicious, report it to the nearest law enforcement agency.
- On multi-lane roadways, use the left lane for passing only. Not only is it courteous driving and avoids impeding traffic, Texas law requires slower traffic to keep to the right and to only use the left lane for passing (when posted).
- Before your trip begins, make sure your vehicle is properly maintained and always double check to make sure all cargo is secure.
- Monitor weather and road conditions wherever you are traveling. For road conditions/closings in Texas, visit [Drive Texas](#).

Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program

Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program - Dan Huberty

The Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program Guidelines The Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) offers a conditional scholarship to a deserving student dedicated to education and military service. Created in 2009 by the 81st...

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Updates from the District

Lake Houston Area July 4th Events

July 4th in the Lake Houston area always brings a multitude of opportunities to celebrate our nation’s Independence and 2019 is no different! Please see a list of events below compiled by our

Wednesday, July 3rd

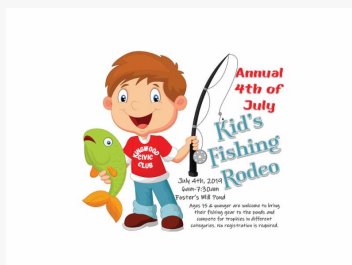
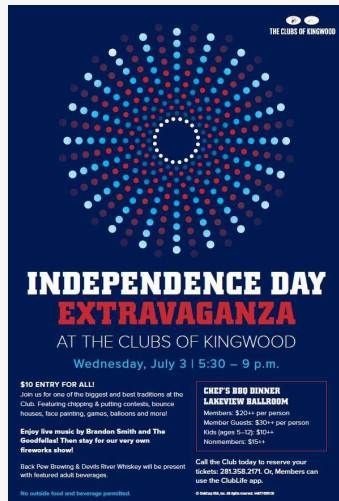
- **5:30 PM: Independence Day Extravaganza**
- **Kingwood Country Club**

Thursday, July 4th

- **6 AM: Kingwood Civic Club Fishing Rodeo**
 - Foster's Mill Pond
- **8:30 AM: Atascocita Fourth of July Community Parade**
 - Shores Park
- **9 AM: Kingwood Civic Club Bike Rodeo**
 - Kingwood Bible Church
- **9 AM: Kingwood Parade "Honoring Hometown Heroes"**
 - Creekwood Middle School
- **10 AM: 51st Forest Cove Parade "An Old Fashioned Fourth"**
 - Forest Cove Community Center
- **2 PM: Valley Ranch 4th Fest & Fireworks featuring Pat Green**
 - Valley Ranch Town Center
- **2 PM: Kingwood Town Center Festival & Fireworks**
 - Kingwood Town Center
- **4 PM: City of Houston "Freedom Over Texas" Celebration**
 - Downtown Houston
- **7 PM: King's Harbor Concert + Fireworks**
 - King's Harbor

Friday, July 5th

- **6 PM: 5th of July Fireworks Event**
- **The Overlook**





Constituent Resources

Need Assistance?

Our office is always ready to assist you. Call or email us and we will do our best to help. Many State Agencies also have hotlines or citizen assistance offices to assist you. That contact information is available at this link, in alphabetical order:

<http://www.lrl.texas.gov/genInfo/stateAgencies.cfm>

Live Updates

All of the relevant information our office has gathered during the week will be posted to our Facebook page. By "liking" us, you will stay up-to-date about important matters across the state that affect you and your family. Click below to find our page.



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